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SUBJ: DOW CHEMICAL CORP., EMERGENCY REQUEST TO JOIN USDOC POLYMERY '74 EXHIBIT

REF: MOSCOW 13141

1. LEE TZENTIS, MANAGER FOR USSR TRADE, DOW CHEMICAL CORP., RESIDENT IN VIENNA, HAS INFORMED EWTC THAT PAVILION 4 IN SOKOLNIKI PARK FAIRGROUNDS IN MOSCOW BURNED DOWN ON AUGUST 28, 1974, DESTROYING DOW CHEMICAL EXHIBIT PLANNED FOR CHEMISTRY '74 SHOW. DOW CHEMICAL EXHIBIT TOTALLY DESTROYED. LOSS OF U.S.\$150,000 INSURED BY SOVIETS.

2. TZENTIS STATED THAT GIVEN EXTENSIVE AND ADDITIONAL EXPENSIVE PLANNING WHICH DOW CHEMICAL HAS MADE FOR THIS EXHIBIT INCLUDING INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS FROM USSR, EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE, AND THE UNITED STATES, IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR DOW CHEMICAL TO BE REPRESENTED AT CHEMISTRY '74 SHOW IN SOME WAY. TZENTIS STATED THAT RUSSIAN EMPLOYEES OF DOW CHEMICAL HAD ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE FROM COMMERCIAL OFFICE IN MOSCOW BUT NILES IS ON VACATION AND JIM BLOW IS SICK. USDOC EXHIBIT MANAGER VITOUS WAS UNABLE TO OFFER SPACE IN USDOC EXHIBIT. TZENTIS ASKED THAT SITUATION BE REVIEWED TO DETERMINE IF SOME SPACE MIGHT NOT BE FREED UP FOR DOW CHEMICAL IN USDOC EXHIBIT SPACE. DOW PEOPLE IN MOSCOW ARE ALSO TRYING TO GET ALTERNATIVE SPACE UNCLASSIFIED

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FROM RUSSIANS BUT WOULD PREFER TO JOIN U.S. EXHIBIT.

3. RECOMMEND THAT USDOC REVIEW SITUATION TO DETERMINE IF SOME
EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS CANNOT BE MADE TO PERMIT DOW CHEMICAL
TO BE REPRESENTED AT POLYMERY '74. MOWINCKEL

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